

## JHA Class Rules & Definitions

**Lead Line / Walk Off the Lead Divisions:** Open to riders 10 years and under. Hunter to be judged on manners and suitability. Equitation judged on position and suitability. Ground Pole to be judged on rider's position and equitation, one direction of the ring. Walk over ground pole in Two-Point Position. Rider may be asked for Two-Point Position while on the rail and may be asked simple questions about the horse or tack. **\*\*Handler may remain in ring, but assistance to rider will be penalized. \*\*** **Rider may not enter any other classes the day of the show. Divisions A and B will show at the same time, but be scored separately**

**Para-Athletes:** Para-Athletic classes are offered to introduce riders of all ages with special needs to the environment of a horse show. To be eligible for the para-athletic classes, the rider must be identified as having one of the following conditions: Intellectual disability, significant learning disability, delays that require specially designed instruction including: Autism, Down Syndrome, Developmentally Delayed, Fragile X, and any physical disabilities that require additional support, among many others not listed here.

**Special Walk / Trot Division:** Open to riders 10 years and under. Hunter to be judged on manners and suitability. Equitation judged on position and suitability. Ground Pole to be judged on rider's position and equitation, one direction of the ring. Trot over 12" cross rail in Two-Point Position. Rider may be asked for Two-Point Position while on the rail and may be asked simple questions about the horse and/or tack. Rider will not be penalized for wrong diagonal. **Rider may not enter any other classes the day of the show.**

**Beginner Walk / Trot Divisions (10 & U) and (11-13):** Hunter to be judged on manners and suitability. Equitation judged on position and suitability. Trot over 12" cross rail in Two-Point Position. Rider is expected to know diagonals. Rider may be asked for Two-Point Position while on the rail and asked simple questions about the horse and/or tack. **Rider may not enter any other classes the day of the show.**

**Walk / Trot Divisions (10 & U), (11-13), (18 & O):** Hunter to be judged on manners and suitability. Equitation judged on rider, position, and suitability at the walk and trot. Trot over four 12" cross rails in Two-Point Position. Rider is expected to know diagonals. Rider may be asked for Two-Point Position while on the rail and asked simple questions about the horse and/or tack. **Rider may not enter in any other classes same day of show.**

**Amateur Divisions:** Open to non-professionals only.

**Limited Canter Division:** To be shown walk and trot both directions of the ring, then canter one direction for each class INDIVIDUALLY. Hunter to be judged on performance and soundness. Equitation judged on rider. Rider may trot or canter four 12" cross rails. **Rider may not enter in any other classes same day of show.**

**Hunter Amateur Division (18 & O):** Open to non-professionals only. Hunter to be judged on performance and soundness. Equitation judged on rider. Classes over fences to consist of a simple course of not more than 8 cross rails not to exceed 18". Riders are expected to canter the course. Simple changes are permitted. **Same horse & rider may only enter Hunter Equitation (2') Open Division same day of show.**

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**Short Stirrup & Long Stirrup Divisions:** Hunter to be judged on performance and soundness. Equitation judged on rider. Classes over fences to consist of a simple course of not more than 8 verticals not to exceed 18". Riders may trot to first fence but must canter the rest of the course. Simple changes are permitted. **Same horse & rider may only enter Hunter Equitation Division (17 & U) same day of show.** *Short Stirrup and Long Stirrup will be a combined if either division has less than 3 riders.*

**Hunter Equitation Division (17 & U):** Hunter to be judged on performance and soundness. Equitation judged on rider. Classes over vertical fences to consist of a course not to exceed 2'. Riders are expected to canter the course. **Same horse & rider may not enter any other division same day of show.**

**Hunter Equitation Open Division (18 & O):** Hunter to be judged on performance and soundness. Equitation judged on rider. Classes over vertical fences to consist of a course not to exceed 2'. Riders are expected to canter the course. **Rider may only enter Hunter Equitation Open Divisions same day of show.**

**2'3" Hunter Equitation Open Division:** Hunter to be judged on performance and soundness. Equitation judged on rider. Classes over vertical fences to consist of a course not to exceed 2'3". Riders are expected to canter the course. **Same horse & rider may not enter any other division same day of show.**

## JHA Show Rules

- All Year-End awards are based on one horse, one rider combination.
- Exhibitors must show in at least 4 of 6 shows to be eligible for Year-End Awards.
- Helmets are required for all ages on horseback on arena premises.
- Riders age as of the first show of the season will ride as that age for the entire season.
- There will be a strict 2-minute gate call for all classes unless permission is arranged ahead of time with the show official.
- NO loud coaching or yelling from the rail during competition. At judge's discretion you will be warned once, after that your exhibitor will be excused from the arena. No refund will be offered to a participant if eliminated from a class.
- Show management reserves the right to split, combine or cancel a class if necessary.
- Proper show attire (show shirt and jacket) required. Riders will be marked down for not wearing proper attire.
- NO alcohol at JHA events or on Palm Beach County Parks property. "ZERO TOLERANCE" and NO exceptions.
- All dogs must be on a leash.

